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"Acadian" land of golden gleams
And orange blossoms and silver streams,
Where Heaven touches earth it seems,
My Louisiana.

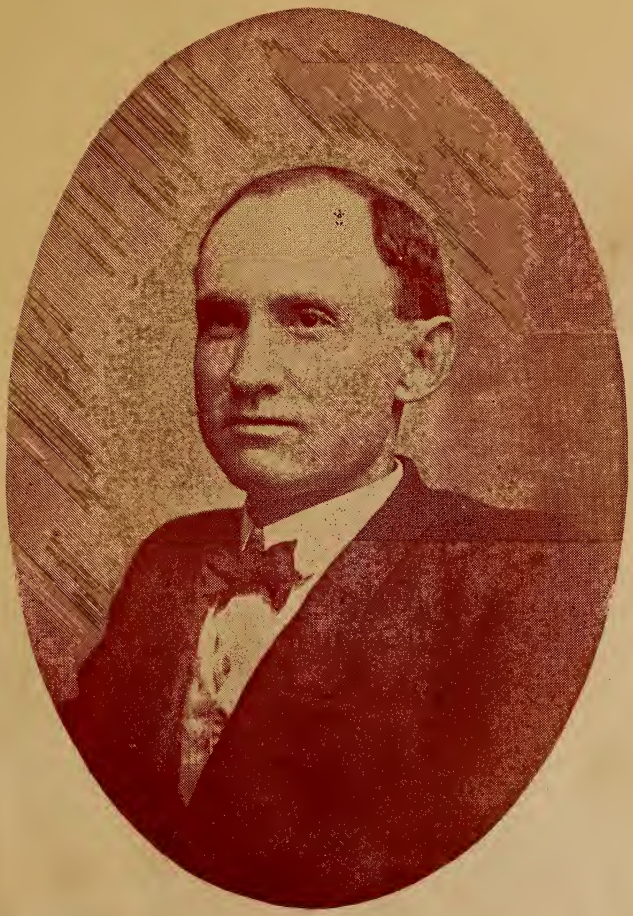
No other skies are half so blue,
No other hearts are half so true,
Love's sweetest songs are sung by you,
My Louisiana.

Thy days are filled with roses rare,
Thy mocking birds are everywhere,
Who would not wish thy joy to share,
My Louisiana.

Where'er we wander, east or west,
By sunset seas or mountain crest,
To think of thee is to be blest,
My Louisiana.

Upon thy coast the summer sea,
Thy pine woods touched to melody,
Thy people loving, brave and free,
My Louisiana.

BISHOP CARTER, D. D., LLD.,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.



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E. H. GIVEN, D. D., PASTOR FIRST CHURCH, JENNINGS.

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ROLL OF MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.

N. T. Shows,	F. P. Allender,	S. R. Henderson,
Z. C. Barker,	C. C. Martin,	W. J. Killmer,
Dr. E. H. Given,	Kate E. Wilkins,	C. A. Brigham,
W. L. Childress,	W. F. Tietje,	W. R. Shrock,
	E. N. Haufpauir.	

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LAY DELEGATES.

J. R. Coursey, Turkey Creek,	Edgar Pietry, Bayou Mallet,
Mrs. E. Fletcher, Egan,	B. A. Richhart, Jennings,
Luther Blevins, Glenmora,	Miss Lucy Welsh, Lone Pine,
J. M. Booze, Roanoke,	P. J. Owls, Evangeline,

J. T. Martin, Ellis.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home Missions, E. H. Given, Foreign Missions, C. A. Brigham,
Church Erection, W. L. Childress, Education, S. R. Henderson,
Publishing Interests, W. F. Tietje,
Christian Stewardship, Kate E. Wilkins.
Sabbath Schools, B. A. Richhart, C. E. Union, E.N. Haufpauir,
The Home, Mrs. Dr. Jones, Temperance, Mrs. David Thomas,
Resolutions, E. H. Given,

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COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY.

W. Lomax Childress, W. F. Tietje, C. A. Brigham.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

District—W. Lomax Childress Presiding Elder.
Eagan—Albert Holden.
Ellis—S. R. Henderson.
Otterbein—C. C. Martin.
Glenmora—E. N. Haufpauir.
Bayou Mallot—W. J. Killmer.
Jennings—E. H. Given, D. D.
Roanoke—W. Lomax Childress.
French Mission—(To be supplied.)
C. A. Brigham and Kate E. Wilkins Conference Evangelists.
W. R. Shrock (at school.)

MINUTES.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference convened at Roanoke November first, nineteen hundred eleven, at 3 p. m., Bishop T. C. Carter, D. D., LLD., of Chattanooga, Tenn., presiding.

S. R. Henderson was elected Secretary.

Dr. Given was introduced to the Conference.

The following committees were appointed by the Bishop: On Conference Relations, W. L. Childress, W. F. Tietje, C. A. Brigham. On Boundaries and Finance, W. L. Childress, Dr. Given, C. A. Brigham, B. A. Richhart, J. T. Martin and S. R. Henderson. Home and Foreign Missions, Dr. Given.

In the absence of Brother Z. C. Barker, Brother Richhart was appointed to conduct the devotional service before the sermon of the evening.

S. R. Henderson was appointed to preach at night. On motion Conference adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Dr. H. H. Fout, of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the devotional service after which a most excellent address was delivered by Bishop T. C. Carter, it being a powerful presentation of the things that are essential to a successful ministry, and made a profound impress upon the Conference.

After the reading of the minutes Dr. Fout, the Sunday School editor of our church, was introduced to the Conference and made a felicitous address, sympathetic, scholarly and helpful.

Dr. E. H. Given was admitted to the Conference upon his transfer from the East Tennessee Conference.

The names of the following unemployed ministers were called and their characters passed: C. A. Brigham, Kate E. Wilkins, Z. C. Barker, W. F. Tietje.

The report of the Presiding Elder was read and adopted.

Report of W. L. Childress read and adopted.

Report of W. R. Shrock read and report was adopted.

Report of C. C. Martin read and adopted.

At this time Dr. Fout made an able address setting forth the various publishing interests of our church.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

W. R. Shrock, on motion, was released from work the coming year in order that he might attend school.

The name of W R. Newton was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Report of S. R. Henderson was read and adopted.

Report of E. N. Haufpauir was read and adopted.

Dr. Fout gave at this time a very luminous address upon the great theme of Home and Foreign Missions.

The Bishop read a letter from Dr. Hough which was referred to the committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins made the report upon Bible Cause which was adopted.

W. L. Childress, E. H. Given and S. R. Henderson were appointed to edit the minutes.

Jennings was selected as the place for holding the next Annual Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

Dr. Fout preached an exceptionally strong sermon from the text, "What Manner of Man is He?"

Friday Morning Session.

Devotional services were conducted by J. T. Martin.

After reading the minutes Bishop Carter delivered one of the most suggestive, forceful and eloquent addresses ever heard at an Annual Conference in this state.

The Following Boards were appointed:

Home Missions—W. L. Childress, President, W. F. Tietje, Secretary, E. H. Given, D. D.

Foreign Missions—C. A. Brigham, President, S. R. Henderson, Secretary, C. C. Martin.

Church Extension—W. L. Childress, President, Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins, Secretary, E. N. Haufpauir.

Control of Sunday Schools and Brotherhood Work—W. L. Childress, S. R. Henderson, C. A. Brigham, Mrs. Brigham, W. F. Tietje.

Tellers for General Conference vote for delegates, John Deiner, J. W. Devilbiss, C. A. Brigham; alternates, W. F. Tietje, B. A. Richhart, J. M. Booze.

Committee on Conference Relations recommended that C. C. Martin and E. N. Haufpauir be received into the Conference and that Dr. E. H. Given be admitted upon his transfer from the East Tennessee Conference. The report was adopted.

Report upon the subject of Christian Stewardship was read by S. R. Henderson and adopted.

At this time Dr. Given made an excellent address upon the subject of Christian Stewardship.

Report of the Publishing interest was read by Brother Brigham and adopted.

Dr. Fout addressed the Conference upon the subject of our publications; he gave much information and elicited a larger interest. On motion Conference adjourned.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Jones.

Conference called to order.

Brother Rhen's report read and adopted.

W. L. Childress was unanimously elected Presiding Elder.

Report on Sunday School submitted by Mrs. Kate Wilkins and adopted. Upon this subject excellent addresses were delivered at this time by J. T. Martin and H. H. Fout, D. D.

Report of W. J. Killmer was read and adopted. On motion Conference adjourned.

Saturday Morning Session.

Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Given, after which Conference was called to order, and the Bishop delivered an address that should be in the hands of every preacher in the United States.

Dr. Fout gave a most inspiring report of the work being done by Bonebrake Seminary.

A motion prevailed that the printer who publishes the minutes be required to complete the work within thirty days after the manuscript is furnished him or else forfeit fifty cents each day that they remain undelivered after that time.

The report of Conference Treasurer, J. W. Devilbiss, was read and adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary be paid five dollars for his services from the Conference treasury.

On motion the time for the Conference to convene in the afternoon session was fixed at two o'clock. On motion Conference adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order by the Bishop.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions by Dr. E. H. Given was read and approved.

Report on Temperance by C. A. Brigham was read and approved.

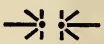
The committee on Course of Study recommended that S. R. Henderson be passed to the second year providing he takes the examination in the near future, and that Brothers Killmer and Shrock be continued in the first years course. On motion conference adjourned.

At 8 p. m. Dr. H. H. Fout, of Dayton Ohio, preached a masterly sermon

The Sunday service was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Bishop Carter, whose presence is always a blessing to the Louisiana Conference, was at his best; his morning sermon was preached from the text, "Thou Art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My church,and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The sermon was not only surpassingly beautiful in its flight of eloquence but showed the careful craftsmanship of the master logician; touched with humor and pathos, it abounded in the power of God, and in its tender and fervent appeal it touched every listening soul to some better service for the kingdom of love in the world. This sermon will linger in

the hearts of our children, and we believe the bleak winds of death will not blow it out. After the sermon the offering for Conference Home Mission work was taken, and the largest offering ever given for this work in the history of the Louisiana Conference was made five hundred and thirty dollars. We know not what other sections may think of so great a soul but from this Sunny Southland we send the love of every man, woman and child for the great and gentle and good Bishop who presides over the Dixie District, and register our affectionate belief that Bishop Carter's work has been beyond any mans a blessing and a benediction to the entire South.

See reports appended.



Presiding Elder's Report Louisiana Conference.

To the Bishop and members of the Twelfth Session of the Louisiana Conference, Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Dear Brothers in Christ: It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His multiplied mercies and many blessings during the past year that I bring to you this report of the work committed to me by you to be done, and which I have endeavored to accomplish as best I could in the name of Jesus. All of our charges have had faithful pastoral supervision during the Conference year. While several resignations occurred we were able to supply the vacant fields with pastors at once and the work went steadily forward. Although we lack largely in carrying out the comprehensive plans formed at the beginning of the Conference year, we have at least advanced a little toward the goal, and with full faith in God for the future, we believe that the days of the coming year will be brighter ones for this Conference than those that have gone before; for if the sacrifice of saintly souls is the seed of the church, then much has been

given in this Conference that must spring up in a harvest of holy hopes and high achievements in the time to come. In the midst of a dense Catholic population, handicapped by the lack of men and means, we indeed struggle against great odds. But thank God the seal of His power has been upon the heroic efforts made, and through the blood of Jesus many barren places in human hearts have been made to blossom like the rose.

Through the faithful and earnest efforts of Pastor Haufpauir and his good people a neat and commodious country church was erected and dedicated during this Conference year in the village of Ellis. Because of this church building enterprise our work has been placed upon a more substantial and permanent footing in that community, and pastor and people are greatly encouraged.

At Bayou Mallett Brother Killmer entered a Catholic community, until that time unreached by Protestantism, and with the assistance of Brothers Henderson, Shrock and Martin a tent meeting was held during which many Catholics were converted, and a church of twenty members organized. We also have a flourishing Sunday school, and a church building up and nearing completion. This is a work of much promise and will mean a great deal to us when the church is dedicated.

At Pine Prairie, on the Rock Island railroad, Brothers Martin and Haufpauir held a tent meeting; some members were received, and it is desired that we furnish regular service there and build a church. This beautiful little village is without a church building of any kind and presents a favorable opportunity for future development.

I think that the aggregate amount of salaries paid to our preachers will be larger this year than it was last year, and yet they worked without complaining, for salaries that are very small indeed, doing work in the sacrificial spirit that will be written in the golden books of God's remembrance. These men are worthy of the King's favor for they have worked in the love of God for human souls; and their Christ-like wives have worked with them in the common toil and trust and tribulation and triumph of the long day.

Only those who know the conditions can appreciate the fidelity of this little body of workers assembled here in the name of God at this time. It is believed that when the reports are all in the membership of the Conference will show a small net increase in our membership for the year, though I cannot speak with assurance of this until our reports are all made; in some instances it would seem that our records have been too closely revised and that names have been taken off that should have been allowed to remain upon the record. It is easier to get people out than it is get them in; it is easier to break than to build, but to win people and not skin people is our mission; to bless and not to blister.

Our contributions for the general interests of the church will be in advance of what they were last year. We have increased the number of Sunday schools and have three flourishing C. E. societies.

Our parsonage property at Roanoke has been improved, the building being raised and four rooms added to it, also a screened porch room, making this a very commodious and convenient home for the preacher. The parsonage property at Jennings has also been improved, a cement entrance has been added to the church and cement walks in front of both church and parsonage.

I have traveled during the year in the service of the Conference twenty four hundred miles; have preached ninety three times; have received ninety four dollars and eighty cents, and have paid out in actual expense eighty nine dollars and fifteen cents. I am reserving the balance for a trip to "turkey" Christmas. With the care of a church in addition to this special work I have tried to render what service I could on each charge that I visited. The brethren have been very good to me—they have made the work a pleasure by their prayers and helpfulness. I have found sweet christian fellowship with them in their homes and know them to be noble hearted christian men whose lives are lived in singleness of purpose being led by the Spirit of God.

In the great adventure of winning men and women to the fold and fellowship of the Kingdom I esteem it a privilege and have experienced a great joy in being associated with these Godly men and women in the common work of God's great captain

Christ, and glad to pay to them this tribute of sincere appreciation for they are worthy of it. Our records cannot reveal all that has been done or they would be written in heart's blood and tears and hunger, and men would weep as they read them; but though the work done may seem slight to those who judge from the statistics only, nevertheless we have strengthened the stakes and lengthened the cords and something has been done in the might of God's spirit for the redemption of men that will outlast the fleeting years of time. Owing to the urgent need of additional funds to extend the Home Mission work of the Conference I would recommend that a Presiding Elder be elected and only required to visit the charges upon special occasions; that one hundred and twenty five dollars be assessed for the Presiding Elder and apportioned to the different charges; that the proportionate part of this be collected by each pastor as he holds the business sessions of his quarterlies and send to the Conference treasurer, and that this money be appropriated along with other funds for the Home Mission work of the Conference, and that whenever the Presiding Elder is called upon to visit a charge for a special work his actual expenses be paid out of the Home Mission treasury of the Conference. In this way we will have at least one hundred dollars more to apply to the all to meagre salaries of our faithful pastors, and as the pastors will report to the Presiding Elder the same purpose will be subserved in the superintendency. Second, a large number of persons are coming from the frigid climate of the north and east where our church is largely represented, and buying land and making their homes in this balmy climate filled with singing birds and blooming flowers; that the General Home Mission Board be earnestly petitioned to appropriate enough money to enable us to employ a man to follow up these homeseekers and thus secure the interest of our church in Louisiana. Third, that we ask the Home Mission Board to appropriate six hundred dollars for which amount we have the full services of an efficient man who will preach in both French and English and afford us access to an organization in many communities that are open to our preaching and are calling for us at this time, but which we cannot reach for the reason that we must employ the French language in order to do so, and have not men at this time in our service who understand it fully.

Fourth, that this Conference at this session try to arrange some plan by which our preachers may receive at least three hundred dollars salary when they devote all their time to the work. And finally beloved of God let us pray for each other nor faint by the way in this dark world of sorrow and care,

For that home is so bright and it's almost in sight,
And I trust in my heart we'll get there.

W. Lomax Childress,
Presiding Elder Louisiana Conference.

Home Missions.

Home Missions are fundamentals to the advancement of every interest of the church. The work has to do with the Christianization of America, and therefore must enlist the sympathy and support of every home-living, God-fearing citizen of our great country. The needs of the field furnish a base of appeal that must stir every heart that is possessed with the missionary spirit of our Lord and Master. There are in our country about sixty five million people outside the Protestant churches. There are entire communities in some of the frontier states that have no ministers and no religious influences. Ward Platt in his great book on "The Frontier" tells of one county in Montana that has two hundred saloons and not a single church. The claims of our cities as well as the frontier upon the missionary spirit of the church are urgent and imperative and we must do our full part as a denomination in the great work of saving America, first for her own sake, and second for the sake of the world, we must press our Home Mission work, also from a denominational consideration, we must follow our people as they go from us and help save them to the denomination and help to save the communities of which they became a part. Therefore, Resolved

1. That we greatly rejoice in the present progress of our Home Mission work and pledge the noble secretary, Dr. Whitney, our most hearty support in his great and important work.

2. In as much as the natural growth of the work has made

it necessary for the Board to appropriate ten thousand dollars for the coming year, above the receipts of the past year, we pledge our full share in increasing the funds of the treasury to this amount and more.

3. We will assist in every way possible in the spreading of Home Missionary information, by circulating literature and by organizing Mission study classes wherever at all practicable.

4. We will observe Home Missionary day in every Sunday School in the Conference and will arrange for Missionary rallies during the second and fourth quarters of the year as prescribed by the discipline.

E. H. Given.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The organized Sunday School is doing a great mission work. Seed is being sown that will bring forth a bountiful harvest for generations to come. The graded lessons and the organization of Bible classes for both men and women has a tendency to interest and draw more people to the church. The Sunday school is a mission work; many children come to the Sunday school who have no religious training in the home. There are many homes that have no Bibles, and in many it is not read. We believe the Sunday school is a soul saving organization; it is the life boat that will rescue the child life from the depth of degredation and sin. Boys and girls have strayed from the home for the lack of religious training. If parents would take the children to Sunday school instead of saying, go, they would not only be leading the little ones to Christ but they would help the Sunday school and church; they would get an inspiration from God's word and be led to a higher and better life.

Kate E. Wilkins.

Bible Cause.

To the Twelfth Annual Conference of the United Brethren in Christ:

Dear Co-Workers:—We believe there is no state in our

great union of states in which the circulation of the Bible is more needed than in Louisiana. There is so little effort put forth to place the Word of God in the hands of the masses of the people. While the present political conditions exist we cannot hope to place the Bible as a text book in our public schools. The Sunday sports and excursions keep parents and children from Sunday school and church, even among Protestant people, and in our own church. We live in a land of Bibles. This is a christian civilization, yet so few understand the teachings of God's word and are lead by His spirit. Brethren, the field is white unto the harvest, and I believe the time has come when a greater effort should be put forth to place the Bible in the hands of the young people of our state—it is the best missionary book in the world. Search where you will you cannot find anything like it, anything to take its place. Catholicism would hide it from all but the priest. The Jews believe only in the Old Testament; they believe the Messiah is yet to come, and we believe and do know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Savior of the world; that he was crucified, buried and rose again the third day and ascended to the throne of God for our redemption.

Respectfully,
KATE E. WILKINS.

Christian Stewardship.

The subject of Christian Stewardship is one that is often neglected by professing christians, and sometimes for no other reason than that they are afraid to rightly understand it, for what it might cost them in dollars and cents. Early in the history of the world we find Abraham tithing. He gave tithes to Melchisedec the priest of Salem. God gave a commandment to the children of Israel to dedicate a tenth to His service, and in addition to make offerings. They were to give a tenth of the increase of the fields and the flocks; not a tenth after the expenses of the year are paid, but a tenth of all the increase. But someone says, that was for the Jews and not the Gentile. St. Paul had reference to the same thing when he said, "Let every man lay by him in store on the first day of the week as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come."

But says someone else, under the Mosaic law God required a tenth, but under the Holy Ghost dispensation all I have belongs to God; perhaps so but very little good it is doing God or His cause. If it all belongs to God why find so many excuses for not giving a tenth. After all, why is it so many people object to giving God a tenth; is it not because they love their possessions more than they do God, and of such Jesus said they are not worthy of Me; Mal. 3:8-11. If God visited the Israelites in such a terrible way for not paying their tithes what will he not do for us if we neglect. Respectfully submitted,

S. R. Henderson.

Christian Education.

As an agency for promoting the church of Christ, christian education occupies a high and commanding place. The church has ever been the custodian of learning, and without its influence few schools have been equipped and endowed. It is found that even state schools have to turn to the church for their presidents and professors. And while religion has been the fostering mother of education, it is a fact that education is essential to the growth and success of the Master's Kingdom. We rejoice in the numerous institutions of learning which our church has established throughout its borders, and commend these centers of influence to the beneficent consideration of all who can contribute to their better endowment for work. We especially commend our Theological Seminary, located at Dayton, Ohio, and pledge ourselves to aid the movement for more fully equipping that great "School of the Prophets", which is our only distinctively organized institution for the training of the ministers of the church.

T. C. Carter.

Publishing Interests.

The press is one of the most potent and powerful agencies for the accomplishment of either good or evil. From the mam-

moth publishing houses where ponderous printing presses are running night and day there goes out into the world multiplied millions of pages of literature, fruitful in blessing and beneficent influence, or carrying with them the power to blight and to curse, knowing that social, industrial, political and religious life and conditions are in a large measure what literature makes them. There is therefore graver duty or responsibility laid upon the church than that of giving to the world the very best book and periodical literature that consecrated hearts and minds can produce. We may well feel a degree of pride and self gratitude that the Church of the United Brethren in Christ is so well equipped to do so. The church has at Dayton, Ohio, one of the best equipped publishing houses in America, and our literature is of superior quality. The Religious Telescope, the official organ of the church, stands in the front rank of church papers and is so acknowledged by other denominations. Without the knowledge obtained by reading its pages no minister or layman can have a fair conception of the importance of, or be equipped for the various departments of church work.

The bright, clean, sparkling, spicey watchword comes to our homes each week full of smiles and cheer. Its fiction which has a moral quality, its letters by tourists and travelers which enable us to see through their eyes many of the historic places and wonders of the world, its helpful suggestions and methods relative to the purpose and plans of the Sunday School and the various departments of church work.

C. E. Brotherhood, Men and Religious Forward Movement, Missions, etc., cannot fail to make our people, old and young, more efficient in their efforts for world evangelization and give to them higher ideals of life.

Our Sunday School paper, The Friend for Boys and Girls, our Bible Teacher and our Quarterlies are all high class publications, and our conviction is that nothing superior (in the field which they occupy) can be found. We are gratified that all of our literature has as large a circulation as it has and hope for a substantial increase. We pledge to do all in our power to place all of our periodical and book literature in the homes of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Brigham.

Report of Committee on Conference Relations.

We your committee on candidates for the ministry beg leave to report that we have had before us the names of C. C. Martin and E. N. Haufpauir and recommend that these two brethren be admitted to the Conference; also that Dr. E. H. Given be admitted upon his transfer from East Tennessee Conference.

[SIGNED] W. LOMAX CHILDRESS.
C. A. BRIGHAM,
W. F. TIETJE,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The Church of Christ with its divinely appointed agencies stands for the enlightenment, civilization and evangelization of the entire human family. In every age and generation the devil, the arch enemy of God and man has kept pace with the church making use of Narcotics and alcoholic liquors, the most effectual agency to debauch men and destroy body and soul, those for whom Christ died. The saloon as it exists today is the cause of greater evil than all other causes of evil combined. As the only mission of the church is the enlightenment and salvation of the world so the only mission of the saloon is to debauch, to ruin, to destroy. Some of the results of its existence are criminal and police courts, crowded to overflowing, penitentiaries filled with moral derelects, 87% of whom are there as a direct cause of drink; insane asylums in which 50 per cent of the inmates are the victims of intemperance; poorhouses where ⅞ of the paupers were made such by the saloon. In addition to this we have consciencious-less politicians and grafters, national dishonor and municipal corruption, lax enforcement of law, and a record in our divorce courts which is a disgrace and puts to shame the civilization of the twentieth century. Shall we profess allegiance to Jesus Christ as the rightful sovereign and king of this world and then remain silent and inactive in the presence of the greatest enemy of our Savior and His church. Recent testimony of the highest medical authorities of the world is to the effect that alcohol is not a food and that it positively has no curative value as a medicine.

Notwithstanding this, according to the statistical abstract published at Washington, over twenty gallons per capita is consumed by this nation at a cost of over two billion dollars. The cost of policing the traffic, court expense, taking care of criminals, the insane, paupers and tramps made such by drink, at a conservative estimate, is one billion dollars more, a loss of thirty hundred million dollars not taking into consideration the loss of health, respectability, reputation and the earning capacity of the drinker. According to this abstract the combined crops of corn, wheat and oats, the three great serials of the nation would pay less than seventy per cent of this annual loss sustained.

Five hundred and seventy seven thousand perished on battle fields and in hospitals during the five years of our civil war, an average of over one hundred thousand per year; an equal number is slain each recurring year by the demon of strong drink. It is a fact so clearly demonstrated and proven that it should be universally accepted that the use of narcotics as well as intoxicants is one of the most fruitful causes of physical and moral degeneracy and weakness. Dr. Kellogg, one of the most famous and highly educated men in the world, says of the use of tobacco, "Chemists, botanists and physicians unite in pronouncing it one of the most deadly poisons known. It belongs to a class of plants the most poisonous of all species, among which are heubane, belladonna, stramomum and others. The tobacco consumed in the United States annually costs twice as much as our public school and is more than one hundred times as much as is contributed for missions. In view of the foregoing facts, be it Resolved.

1. That we will discourage the use of narcotics and intoxicants, not only by example but by teaching our people of the pernicious consequences following their use.

2. That we view with abhorance the complacency, complicity and co-partnership of the nation with the liquor traffic, and demand that this unholy alliance be discontinued.

3. That we will give to no party or candidate for office our prayers, our influence or vote until they declare unequivocally for the total annihilation and destruction of the licensed liquor traffic.

4. We protest against the policy of the government in

granting federal licenses in prohibition territory thus nullifying state laws, and so by example inculcating a disregard for laws in general and promoting a spirit of anarchy.

5. We condemn the action of Secretary Knox for sending circular letters to all the world through our foreign representatives seeking to increase our export trade in beer, and so enrich American brewers, and we would censure and condemn Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for allowing himself to be used as honorary president of the recent brewers congress in Chicago. Such men are not worthy a place in the president's cabinet and should be consigned to the political junk pile at once.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Brigham.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We would gratefully and reverently acknowledge the providence of God that has been over us and round about us and has brought us to participate in and enjoy the spiritual uplift of this Annual Conference. As an expression of our desire for divine guidance and appreciation of our responsibility and privilege, be it Resolved.

1st. That in as much as the great teacher, He who spake as never man spake, declared; "without me ye can do nothing," we recognize the fact of our own inability, insufficiency and weakness until power from on high, the baptism with the Holy Spirit is given us as embassadors of Heaven's King to proclaim the blessed message of universal grace, love unlimited, and pardon full and free to lost and sinful men and women.

2d. We pledge ourselves to ever preach a pure gospel and present Christ to the world as a complete Savior.

3d. We will encourage and urge those seeking the Lord, to kneel at our congregational altars (in the old fashioned way) and there earnestly, persistently and with penitent tears seek the Lord until a definite experience of pardon is assured.

4th. We will make use of every laudable means and labor earnestly to promote genuine revivals of religion, to that end that we may report the salvation and addition to the church, of at least five hundred souls this Conference year.

5th. We declare against all forms of intemperance, Sabbath desecration, gambling, mormomism and any and all other evils which are incompatible with the teaching of the Gospel of Christ and are a menace to the perpetuity of the nation.

6th. That we appreciate the words of helpfulness, encouragement and counsel as well as the privilege of enjoying the fellowship of our fellow workers in the Master's vineyard, Bishop T. C. Carter, D. D., H. H. Fout, D. D., and wife, and E. H. Given, D. D., who is now one of our number, and pledge them all our prayers and hearty co-operation in their work.

8th. That the spirit of brotherly love, kindness and hospitality manifest during this Conference year has been appreciated not only by the recipients but by those who have tendered the same.

C. A. BRIGHAM.

Report of Committe on Boundaries and Finance.

We your committee on Boundaries and Finance would recommend;

1. That Evangeline be constituted a part of the Jennings charge.

2. That Roberts Cove be added to the Bayou Mallet work.

3. That the name of Newton Circuit be changed to Otterbein Circuit.

4. That Lone Pine be added to Otterbein Circuit.

As we do not know what amount will be raised for Conference Home Missions we leave the amounts to be appropriated from the Conference Home Mission funds in the hands of the Conference Home Mission Board.

6. That the following table of assessments be made to the different charges for the current Conference year.

	Presiding Elder	Bishop	Preacher's Aid	Sunday S General F.	Publishing Fund	General Conference	Bonebrake Seminary
Roanoke	$36 00	$14 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 25	$ 4 50	$ 6 25	$ 3 00
Jennings	36 00	14 00	2 00	1 25	4 50	6 25	3 00
Glenmora	12 00	3 00	1 25	1 25	1 75	1 25	1 00
Otterbein	12 00	5 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Egan	16 00	4 00	2 00	1 25	2 50	2 00	1 00
Ellis	12 00	4 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 25	1 00
Bayou Mallett	10 00	2 00	1 00	1 25	2 00	2 00	1 00
Totals	$134 00	$ 46 00	$ 11 25	$ 8 25	$ 19 25	$ 21 00	$ 11 00

W. L. CHILDRESS, E. H. GIVEN, S. R. HENDERSON.
C. A. BRIGHAM. JOHN T. MARTIN,
Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

	CR
May 16, 1911, received for Foreign Missions	$ 17.00
November 1, 1911, cash on hand	92.99
November 4, 1911, received on Conference Assessments	618.27
November 4, 1911, Home Special Missions	235.00
Total,	$963.26

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Home Missions	$245.22
Foreign Missions	193.05
Preachers' Aid	48.06
Church Erection	29.25
Publication Fund	14.50
Sunday School General Fund	5.50
General Conference Fund	49.68
Bonebrake Theological Seminary	3.00
Presiding Elder's Salary	96.00
Bishop's Salary	44.00
Home Special Missions	235.00
Total	$963.26

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS	DR
Home Missions	$245.22
Foreign Missions	193.05
Sunday School General Fund	5.50
Presiding Elder's Salary	96.00
Bishop's Salary	50.00
Home Special Missions	225.00
	$814.77
Cash on Hand	148.49
	$963.26

CASH ON HAND AS FOLLOWS:

Preacher's Aid	$48.06
Church Erection	29.25
Publication Fund	14.50
General Conference Fund	49.68
Bonebrake Theological Seminary	3.00
Home Special Missions	4.00
	$148.49

ANNUAL CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	CHURCHES	MEMBERS										SOCIETIES		SUNDAY SCHOOL											
		No. Churches Organized.	At Beginning of Year.	Rec. by Profession of Faith.	Rec. by Letter.	Total in Church during Year	Died.....	All other Losses.....	Total Loss.....	Present No....	Increase, ...	Decrease	Young People's Societies ..	Members.....	Sunday Schools.....	Teachers and Officers.....	Scholars in Main School ..	No. in Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance...	No. Adult Bible Classes..	Scholars in Adult Bible C.	Sunday School Libraries.....	Volumes in Libraries.....	Added to Church from S. S.....	
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress.....	1	64	6	16	86		10	10	76	12	19	1		1	10	90		100	67	1	29	1	25	6	
JENNINGS.....	Allen Rhen	2	122	19	6	147		44	44	103		4	1		2	18	120	5	125	68	1	18			3	
ELLIS	E. N. Hoffpauir.....	1	54	6	3	63	1	12	13	50		6		45	1	6	60		66	47						
NEWTON	C. C Martin	3	63	9	1	73	1	16	17	56				35	3	16	56		75	50						
EGAN	W. R Schrock	3	49	7	1	57	1	4	5	52	3				1	6	32	10	48	20			1	24		
GLENMORA	P. P Kavanaugh.....	1	15			15				15					1	3	25		28	18						
BAYOU MALLET....	W. J. Killmer.....	1		19		19	1		1	18	18				1	2	37		39	30						
LONE PINE..... ...	S. R Henderson	1	38			38		29	29	9		29			1	4	36		40	30						
	Total..	13	405	66	27	438	4	115	119	359	33	58	2	80	11	55	456	15	521	330	2	47	2	49	9	

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	LITERATURE.									FINANCE										
		Religious Telescope.....	Watchword ...	Friend for Boys and Girls.....	Otterbein Teacher.....	Otterbein Adult Quarterly	Otterbein Senior Quarterly	Otterbein Intermediate Q..	Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves	Our Juniors.. Lessons for	Woman's Evangel, ...	Paid by Charge	Pastor's Salary	Missionary Appropriation	Presents Received	Value of Parsonage Rent ..	Total Recived by Pastor	Elder's Salary Presiding	Collected for Local Current Expenses	For Church and Parsonage Buildings	Collected Local Sunday School Purpose
ROANOKE..... ..	W. L. Childress.	12	30	25	7	30	30	25	20	25	1	925 00			120 00	120 00	1145 00	30 00	600 00		105 00
JENNINGS.....	Allen Rhen	8	36	15	12	12	55	35	20	15		625 00		300 00	16 00	120 00	1060 00	30 00	218 19		80 00
ELLIS	E. N. Hoffpauir.....	2			3		12	12		12		111 00		150 00	10 00		271 00	10 00		566 00	15 00
NEWTON	C. C Martin	1			4		20	20		35		100 00		150 00	10 00		260 00	12 00	41 00		5 00
EGAN	W. R Schrock.....				2		14	10	10	10		48 50		145 04	2 50		200 04	5 00	5 00		3 85
GLENMORA	P. P Kavanaugh.....							12		12		15 00		25 00			40 00				
BAYOU MALLET....	W. J Killmer						12	12		12		3 00		65 00			68 00	6 00			
LONE PINE	S. R Henderson	1		18			12		12	18		25 00		62 50			87 50	2 00			12 00
	Total	24	66	58	28	42	155	126	62	139	1	1852 50		900 54	158 50	240 00	3131 54	95 00	864 19	566 00	220 85

ANNUAL CONFERENCE STATISTICS (CONTINUED)

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	FINANCE																		TOTAL, FOR ALL PURPOSES
		Collected for Home Missions	Home Missions Total for	Collected for Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions Total for	Church Extension Conference	Church Erection	Church Erection Special	General Fund Church	Sunday School	Y. P. S. C. E. General Fund	Childrens Day Offering	Bishop's Salary	Preachers Aid	Bonebrake Theological Seminary	Annual Conference Expense Fund	General Conference Expense Fund	For Retiring Pastor	
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	300 00	300 00	100 00	100 00	200 00	10 00	70 00	8 80				14 00	2 00	3 00	4 50	6 25	150 00	2768 55
JENNINGS	Allen Rhen	22 23	22 23	13 05	13 05	63 18	6 75	7 50	1 25	2 50		3 23	14 00	1 25		4 50	3 50		1539 11
ELLIS	E. N Hoffpauir	8 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	2 00		1 00				4 00	1 00		1 50	1 00		891 50
NEWTON	C. C Martin	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00		2 00		1 00				5 00	1 00		1 50			340 00
EGAN	W. R. Schrock	1 50	1 50				1 50						4 00	2 00		2 50	2 00		228 89
GLENMORA	P. P. Kavanaugh						2 00												40 00
BAYOU MALLET	W. J. Killmer	2 00	2 00		3 00								2 00						79 00
LONE PINE	S. R. Henderson	1 50	1 50	3 00			1 00												101 00
	Total	345 22	345 23	119 05	119 05	273 18	23 25	77 50	13 05	2 50		3 23	43 00	7 25	3 00	14 50	12 75	150 00	5981 05

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	CHURCH PROPERTY.						MISCELLANEOUS	
		No. Church Houses	Number Parsonage	Built this Year, say new in this column	Value of Church-House and Grounds	Value of Parsonage and Lot	Total	Net Value	Months Employed	No Minutes Wanted
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	1	1		2500	1800	4300	4300	10	40
JENNINGS	Allen Rhen	1	1	New	3500	2000	5500	5500	9	40
ELLIS	E. N. Hoffpauir	1			800		800	800	12	20
NEWTON	C. C Martin	1			500		500	500	12	40
EGAN	W. R. Schrock	1			1500		1500	1500	9	20
GLENMORA	P. P. Kavanaugh	1			2500		2500	2500	5	15
BAYOU MALLET	W. J. Killmer	1			250		250	250	8	25
LONE PINE	S. R. Henderson	1			1000		1000	1000	5	20
	Total	8	2		12550	3800	16350	16350	70	220

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